network through an association with a routing table.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please delete Claims 1-21 in the present application and insert the following claims:

--22.   A method for obtaining information regarding the source of a product from a remote information source location on a global communication network utilizing a product code associated with the product and unique thereto, comprising the steps of:

scanning the product code associated with the product with a scanner
5   at a user location on the global communication network to extract the information contained in the unique product code therefrom;

associating a unique scan ID code with the scanning operation;

assembling a packet of information comprised of the extracted product
10   code and the unique scan ID code to provide a routing packet; and

connecting to the remote information source location utilizing the routing packet and in response to the step of scanning, wherein the routing packet is representative of the location of the remote information source location on the global communication network through an association with a routing table.--

--23.   The method of Claim 22, wherein the unique scan ID code is an ID code that is associated with the scanner which is utilized in the step of scanning.--

--24.   The method of Claim 22, wherein the product code comprises a Universal Product Code (UPC).--

--25.   The method of Claim 22, wherein the step of connecting comprises:

transmitting the routing packet from the user location to a predetermined intermediate location on the global communication network, wherein the intermediate location has a database associated therewith that provides in a stored routing table having the associations stored therein a correlation between product codes, unique scan ID codes and routing information associated with remote information source locations on the web;

determining if there exists a match between the unique scan ID code associated with the scanning information and the extracted product code information in the database;

if there is a match, returning the associated network routing information regarding the associated remote information source location on the global communication network back to the user location; and

interfacing a user at the user location to the remote information source location in accordance with the returned network routing information.--

--26.   The method of Claim 25, and further comprising the step of returning information from the remote information source location after connection thereto and displaying the returned information on a user computer at the user location. --

--27.   The method of Claim 26, wherein information is returned back to the user computer at the user location to determine the method by which the display is facilitated in accordance with information associated in the database with the unique scan ID code.--

--28.   The method of Claim 23, wherein the step of scanning comprises:
providing a unique scanner having associated therewith the unique scan ID code; and
scanning the product code with the provided scanner to extract information therefrom, the step of scanning operable to incorporate the step of